

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 100 public bills, H.R. 507–606; 2 private bills, H.R. 607–608; and; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 43–45, and H. Res. 62–67, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaHood as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Aubry L. Wallace, Chaplain, Chilton County Sheriff's Department in Clanton, Alabama.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commending the Palestinian people for conducting a free and fair presidential election: H. Res. 56, commending the Palestinian people for conducting a free and fair presidential election on January 9, 2005, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 17; and

Pages H292–99, H325–26

Urging the European Union to maintain its arms embargo on the People's Republic of China: H. Res. 57, urging the European Union to maintain its arms embargo on the People's Republic of China, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 18.

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Iraq Free Election Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 60, relating to the free election in Iraq held on January 30, 2005, by yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 9 nays with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 19.

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The resolution was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, February 1.

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Support for equal access of military recruiters to institutions of higher education: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 36, expressing the continued support of Congress for equal access of military recruiters to institutions of higher education, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 327 yeas to 84 nays, Roll No. 16.

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H. Res. 59, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Tierney wherein he requested a leave of absence, effective immediately, from the Committee on Government Reform due to pending ap-

pointment to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Thompson (MS) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture, effective immediately.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 62, electing the following Members and Delegates to the following standing committees:

Committee on Agriculture: Representatives Pomerooy, Boswell, Larsen (WA), Davis (TN), and Chandler.

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Committee on the Budget: Representative Kind.

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Committee on Government Reform: Representative Norton.

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Committee on Resources: Representatives George Miller (CA), Markey, DeFazio, Inslee, Udall (CO), Cardoza, and Herseth.

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Committee on Science: Representatives Hooley (OR), Jackson-Lee (TX), Zoe Lofgren (CA), Sherman, Baird, Matheson, Costa, Al Green (TX), and Melancon.

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Committee on Small Business: Representatives Faleomavaega, Christensen, Davis (IL), Case, Bordallo, Grijalva, Michaud, Linda Sánchez (CA), Barrow, and Bean.

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representatives Strickland, Hooley (OR), Reyes, Berkely, and Udall (NM).

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 9.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2005, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 39, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 64, electing Representatives Crenshaw, Wicker, and Ros-Lehtinen to the Committee on the Budget.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:41 p.m. and reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 65, electing Representatives Hastings (WA), Chairman; and Representatives Biggert, Smith (TX), Hart, and Cole to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 66, electing the following Members to the following standing committees:

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Representative Souder. **Page H339**

Committee on Financial Services: Representative Pearce. **Page H339**

Committee on International Relations: Representative Barrett (SC). **Page H339**

Committee on Small Business: Representatives Shuster, Bradley (NH), and Keller. **Page H339**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representatives Nunes and Turner. **Page H339**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:53 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m. **Pages H339–40**

State of the Union Message: President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 20. He was escorted into the House chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Pryce, Shadegg, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, and Clyburn and Senators Frist, McConnell, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Dole, Hatch, Thomas, Reid, Durbin, Stabenow, Schumer, Dorgan, and Clinton. **Pages H340–44**

Later, it was agreed that the President's message be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–3). **Page H344**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Souder wherein he resigned from the Committee on Resources, effective today, February 2. **Page H344**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H289.

Senate Referrals: S. 167 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and House Administration. **Page H344**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H325, H325–26, H326 and H327.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:08 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 39, stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

Committee Meetings

ARMED FORCES ADEQUACY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the adequacy of Armed Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN

Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, LTG James R. Helmly, USA, Chief, Army Reserve; LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; LTG Roger C. Schultz, USA, Chief, Army National Guard, all with the Department of the Army; David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on the Budget: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

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Committee on Education and the Workforce: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Financial Services: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

CONFRONTING RECIDIVISM

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Confronting Recidivism: Prisoner Re-entry Programs and a Just Future for All Americans." Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Davis of Illinois; Felix Mata, Project Manager, Ex-Offender Initiative, Office of Employment Development, Baltimore, Maryland; Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, District of Columbia; Reggie Wilkinson, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Resources: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

HUBBLE SCIENCE OPTIONS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Options for Hubble Science. Testimony was heard from Lou Lanzerotti, Chair, Committee on the Assessment of